

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS  
SAN ANTONIO DIVISION

ANNIE MAE HOUSLER, ET AL.

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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NO. SA-06-CA-0520-RF

**ORDER AND ADVISORY**

It is ORDERED that the Plaintiffs confer with the Defendant as required by Fed. R. Civ. P 26(f) and Local Court Rule CV-16(c) to submit a scheduling order for the Court's consideration by October 24, 2006. Failure to do so may result in the Court's entering its own scheduling order. **The parties are directed to entitle their agreed scheduling recommendations "SCHEDULING ORDER." The word "Proposed" should not be placed in the title.**

At the request of the Bar, the San Antonio District Judges have implemented a procedure whereby a Magistrate Judge is assigned to each civil case at the time it is filed. The assignments are made randomly and are evenly divided among the three San Antonio Magistrate Judges. If a pretrial matter is referred by the District Judge, it will be handled by the Magistrate Judge to whom the case was assigned. Similarly, if the parties consent to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction, the case will be placed on the docket of the assigned Magistrate Judge for all future proceedings, including entry of final judgment. 28 USC § 636(c). The Magistrate Judge assigned to this case is the Honorable Nancy Nowak.

So that this Court may more efficiently manage its docket, the parties are hereby **ORDERED** to notify the Court whether or not they consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction. Therefore, within thirty (30) days of the date of the filing of this Order, each party shall sign the appropriate election form to be filed with the Clerk's Office (see attached).

SIGNED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2006.

  
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ROYAL FURGESON  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Plaintiff,

CIVIL NO.

Defendant.

## Date

Plaintiff,

VS.

Defendant.

CIVIL NO.

Defendant in the above-captioned case elects as follows (please select only one of the following options):

- ☐ I consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge in accordance with provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 636. Defendant in the above-captioned case waives the right to proceed before a United States District Judge and consents to have a United States Magistrate Judge conduct any and all further proceedings in this case, including rendering a decision, and to order the entry of final judgment. Any appeal shall be taken to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit in accordance with Title 28 U.S.C. Section 636(c)(3).
- ☐ I do **not** consent to proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge. Defendant in the above-captioned case elects **not** to have this case decided by a United States Magistrate Judge and prefers that this case proceed before the United States District Judge.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signed by Attorney

Date